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SUBJECT: PARAGUAY AND IAHR

1. AT REQUEST OF ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY LUERS, AMB.
LOPEZ ESCOBAR CALLED AT DEPARTMENT JUNE 10.
2. AFTER SAYING THAT SECRETARY VANCE WOULD LIKE TO MEET

WITH FOREIGN MIN. NOQUES JUNE 15 AT 1930 IN GRANADA, LUERS
REMINDED AMBASSADOR THAT AT TIME OF PRESENTATION OF
CREDENTIALS AT WHITE HOUSE, PRESIDENT CARTER HAD STATED
HIS PLEASURE THAT THE INTERAMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISS-
ION WOULD BE RECEIVED IN PARAGUAY. LUERS NOTED THAT SOME
TIME HAD NOW PASSED AND ASKED WHERE THE MATTER STOOD.

3. LOPEZ ESCOBAR RESPONDED THAT THE GOP HAD NOT WISHED
TO APPEAR TO ACT UNDER PRESSURE. AT THE SAME TIME BRAZIL
HAD MADE VERY STRONG EFFORTS TO REVERSE THE PARAGUAYAN
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DECISION. ARGENTINA'S REPRESENTATIONS HE SAID HAD BEEN
MUCH LESS STRONG. HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY ACTIVITY BY
URUGUAY IN THIS REGARD. AMBASSADOR THEN SAID THAT PER-
MISSION FOR THE IAHR VISIT WOULD BE GIVEN AT GRENADA
WHERE NOGUES EXPECTED TO WORK OUT THE ARRANGEMENTS. HE

LABELED THIS LAST POINT "TOP SECRET".

4. AMBASSADOR INDICATED THAT SCENARIO HE FORESAW FOR GRENADA, IN ACCORD WITH TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS HE HAD HAD WITH NOGUES, WAS THAT THE LATTER FIRST WISHED TO DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN AND THEN WITH AGUILAR, THE HEAD OF THE IAHC. THUS HE EXPECTED THE MATTER WOULD BE FAVORABLY RESOLVED PRIOR TO NOGUES' CONVERSATION WITH THE SECRETARY. IN SHORT, NOGUES WISHES THE DECISION TO APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN MADE AS A RESULT OF HIS CONVERSATION WITH AGUILAR. VANCE

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